

## FUTURE RISK OF ABUSE/NEGLECT (FRAN)

This tool assesses the risk of future abuse and neglect. The risk appraisal tool is composed of two indexes: The neglect index and the abuse index.

### Households

FRANs are completed on households. A household is defined as all persons who have significant in-home contact with the child, including those who have a familial or intimate relationship with any person in the home. When a child's parents do not live together, the child may be a member of two households. Always assess the household of the alleged offender. This may or may not be the child's primary residence.

If the parents are together at the time of the PSR, but they separate into two households after the PSR was received, the FRAN should be conducted as if they were still in the same household. This is in consideration of common family dynamics in domestic violence situations, where partners often get back together multiple times before finally separating.

### Identifying the Primary vs. Secondary Caregiver

"Caregiver" is defined as a parent, guardian, or other adult in the household who provides care and supervision for the child. It is important to accurately identify the primary and, if applicable, the secondary caregiver. Use the following guidance when determining the primary and secondary caregiver:

Circumstance	Primary Caregiver	Secondary Caregiver
Two legal parents living together at time of the PSR	The parent living in the household who assumes the most child care responsibility. If parents equally share responsibilities, parent who was an alleged offender should be selected.	The other legal parent
Single parent, no other adult in household	The only parent	None
Single parent and any other adult living in household	The only legal parent	Another adult in the household who contributes the most care of the child. If there are multiple household members that provide care, choose the one who has the most responsibility after the primary caregiver

## NEGLECT

### **N1. Current Complaint is for Neglect.**

"Yes" if the current complaint is for neglect or both abuse and neglect. This includes any problem found in the Initial Assessment not identified in the referral.

### **N2. Number of Prior Initial Assessments in the Household.**

Count all Initial Assessments (ORCA and Prober), substantiated or not, for any type of abuse or neglect prior to the complaint resulting in the current Initial Assessment. Consider all adults in the household and count prior Initial Assessments for which they were alleged to be perpetrators. Include any Initial Assessments that are known from other states, as well as Military and/or Tribal jurisdictions.

**N3. Number of Children in the Home.**

Number of individuals under 18 years of age residing in the home at the time of the current complaint. If a child is removed as a result of the Initial Assessment or is on runaway status, count the child as residing in the home. Also count children who live part time in the home, even if they were not there at the time of the incident.

**N4. Number of Adults in the Household.**

Number of individuals 18 years of age or older residing in the home at the time of the current complaint.

**N5. Household has Previously Received Child Protective Services.**

“Yes” if household has previously received child protective services or is currently receiving services as a result of a prior Initial Assessment. Service history includes voluntary family services, legal services, Family Preservation Services, or protective supervision, but does not include delinquency (DJJ) services.

**N6. Characteristics of Children in Household.**

Score the appropriate amount for each characteristic present and record the sum as the item score:

- a) No child in the household exhibits characteristics listed below;
- b) Score 1 if any child in the household is medically fragile, defined as having a long term (six months or more) physical condition requiring medical intervention, or is diagnosed with failure to thrive;
- c) Score 1 if any child in the household exhibits:
  - mental health or behavioral problem requiring regular visits to a therapist,
  - enrollment in special education program or prescriptions for psychotropic medication;
- d) Score 2 if any child is developmentally disabled, defined as: A severe, chronic condition diagnosed by a physician or mental health professional due to mental and/or physical impairments. Examples include intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, FASD and cerebral palsy.

**N7. Problematic Adult Relationships in the Household.**

Score the appropriate amount for each: a) no; b) yes, problematic adult relationships which are harmful to domestic functioning or child care including criminal activities with others which cause problems between adults in the home (but not at the level of domestic violence), or multiple live-in partners; c) yes, household has a domestic violence history, a relationship characterized by domestic disturbances or conflicts that require intervention by police, family or others, involving verbal or physical abuse by one or both caregivers (includes berating, physical fighting, threats or intimidation).

**N8. Primary Caregiver has or had an Alcohol or Drug Abuse Problem.**

The primary caregiver has a past or current alcohol/drug abuse problem that causes conflict in home, extreme behavior, financial difficulties, frequent illness, job absenteeism, job changes or unemployment, or driving under the influence, traffic violations, criminal arrests, disappearance of household items or life organized around substance use. Score the following:

- a) “No” the primary caregiver does not have and has never had a drug or alcohol problem.
- b) Alcohol and/or marijuana abuse but no problem with other drugs,
- c) Abuse of other drugs, substances or intoxicants such as cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, synthetic drugs (spice or bath salts), or abusive use of prescribed drugs, etc. Legal, non-abusive prescription drug use should not be scored.

**N9. Primary Caregiver was arrested as a juvenile or adult.**

“Yes” if the primary caregiver has been arrested or convicted prior to the current complaint as either an adult or a juvenile (excluding traffic offenses that are NOT misdemeanors or felonies).

**N10. Primary Caregiver has a History of Abuse or Neglect as a Child.**

“Yes” if there is documented CPS history OR credible statements by the primary caregiver or others that indicate the primary caregiver was maltreated as a child. Maltreatment includes neglect or physical, sexual or other abuse.

**N11. Caregiver Response to Initial Assessment.**

Based on the caregiver who is least cooperative or is least in agreement with the investigator. a) Caregiver cooperates with investigator - a single caregiver or both are cooperative as evidenced by involvement in service planning for self/child, making safety plans for the child, etc.; b) One or more caregivers(s) provides limited cooperation, or is uncooperative and refuses involvement in the Initial Assessment and/or refuses access to the child during the Initial Assessment or is hostile and/or threatening.

**N12. Primary or Secondary Caregiver has an Impulse Control Problem.**

Caregiver does not consistently manage or control behavior, demonstrated by an explosive personality, an inability to delay gratification, a tendency to make abrupt, unreasonable, or destructive decisions, or acting without consideration of consequences.

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**ABUSE**

**A1. Prior Complaint of Sexual Abuse.**

“Yes” if CPS received a complaint of sexual abuse prior to the current Initial Assessment.

**A2. Number of Prior Initial Assessments.**

Count all Initial Assessments (ORCA and Prober), substantiated or not, for any type of abuse or neglect prior to the complaint resulting in the current Initial Assessment. Consider all adults in the household and count prior Initial Assessments for which they were alleged to be perpetrators. Include any Initial Assessments that are known from other states, as well as Military and/or Tribal jurisdictions.

**A3. Household has Previously Received Child Protective Services.**

Score one of the following: a) No; b) “Yes” if household has previously received child protective services or is currently receiving services as a result of a prior Initial Assessment. Service history includes voluntary family services, legal services, Family Preservation Services, or protective supervision, but does not include delinquency services; c) same as b and household has a prior petition for termination of parental rights filed against them or granted for a child in their custody.

**A4. Number of Children in the Home.**

Number of individuals under 18 years of age residing in the home at the time of the current complaint. If a child is removed as a result of the Initial Assessment or is on runaway status, count the child as residing in the home. Also count children who live part time in the home, even if they were not there at the time of the incident.

**A5. Primary Caregiver has a History of Abuse or Neglect as a Child.**

Score the appropriate amount for each: a) “No”; b) credible statements by the primary caregiver or others indicate that the primary caregiver was maltreated as a child (maltreatment includes neglect or physical, sexual or other abuse); c) same as b and primary caregiver was placed in substitute care as a child.

**A6. Primary or Secondary Caregiver has an Alcohol or Drug Abuse Problem.**

The primary or secondary caregiver has a past or current alcohol/drug abuse problem that causes conflict in home, extreme behavior, financial difficulties, frequent illness, job absenteeism, job changes or unemployment, or driving under the influence, traffic violations, criminal arrests, disappearance of household items or life organized around substance use. Score the following:

- a) “No” the primary caregiver does not have and has never had a drug or alcohol problem.
- b) Alcohol and/or marijuana abuse but no problem with other drugs,

c) Abuse of other drugs, substances or intoxicants such as cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, synthetic drugs (spice or bath salts), or abusive use of prescribed drugs, etc. Legal, non-abusive prescription drug use should not be scored.

**A7. Age of Youngest Child.**

Record the current age in years of the youngest child residing in the household. If a child is removed as a result of the Initial Assessment or is on runaway status, count the child as residing in the home.

**A8. Problematic Adult Relationships in the Household.**

Score the appropriate amount for each: a) no; b) yes, problematic adult relationships which are harmful to domestic functioning or child care including criminal activities with others which cause problems between adults in the home (but not at the level of domestic violence), or multiple live-in partners; c) yes, household has a domestic violence history, a relationship characterized by domestic disturbances or conflicts that require intervention by police, family or others, involving verbal or physical abuse by one or both caregivers (includes berating, physical fighting, threats or intimidation).

**A9. Primary or Secondary Caregiver Characteristics.**

Score the appropriate amount for each characteristic present and record the sum as the item score: a) neither caregiver exhibits characteristics listed below; b) score 1 if either caregiver does not adequately provide emotional support to the child, such as not providing praise or recognition of child's achievements, not giving physical affection, giving negative reinforcement, etc.; c) score 1 if either caregiver physically injured a child in the current or a previous incident; d) score 2 if either caregiver is domineering, indicated by controlling, abusive, overly restrictive, or over reactive rules or unfair behavior; e) score 2 if either caregiver self-reports or has a documented history of depression, suicide attempts, and/or any current or prior mental health treatment.

**A10. Child in Home has a Developmental Disability and/or History of Delinquency.**

Score one for each characteristic present and record the sum as the item score: a) No child in the household exhibits characteristics listed below; b) score 1 if any child in the household has been referred to juvenile court for delinquent or status offense behavior, status offenses not brought to court attention but which create stress within the household should also be scored, such as children who run away, are habitually truant or have drug or alcohol problems; c) score 1 if any child is developmentally disabled, defined as: A severe, chronic condition diagnosed by a physician or mental health professional due to mental and/or physical impairments. Examples include intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, FASD and cerebral palsy.

**A11. Caregiver Response to Initial Assessment.**

Based on the caregiver who is least cooperative or is least in agreement with the investigator: a) caregiver cooperates with investigator - a single caregiver or both are cooperative as evidenced by involvement in service planning for self/child, making safety plans for the child, etc.; b) One or more caregiver provides limited cooperation, or is uncooperative and refuses involvement in the Initial Assessment and/or refuses access to the child during the Initial Assessment or is hostile and/or threatening.